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HB 5547. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association strongly opposes this bill as it would supplant and make relatively insignificant, the duties of the POST Council.

The Post Council consists of a cross section of professionals. The Governor appoints the council in accordance with CGS 7-294b. Their charge is to develop and update the curriculum of Police Officer Training.

CGS Section 7-294d(a)(1) To develop and periodically update and revise a comprehensive municipal police training plan;

CGS Section 7-294d(a)(11) To establish uniform minimum educational and training standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions, temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary positions;

CGS Section 7-294d(a)(13) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges and institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for police officers in police science and police administration;

Connecticut has long been a leader in comprehensive training for law enforcement. The POST Academy is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

This bill proposes to use state dollars to perform a duplicate service and unnecessary study.